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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: James A. Brownlee, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/855,917 ) Art Unit: 3626  
Filed: May 15, 2001 ) Examiner: James R. Brittain  
For: Cable Tie With Wide Neck )

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

This Reply to Office Action is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2002. Accordingly, please amend the claims as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims identically numbered:

Sub 5. (Amended) The cable tie of claim 4, wherein the at least one reduced thickness channel is provided on an inner side of the neck section.

6. (Amended) The cable tie of claim 4, wherein the at least one reduced thickness channel is provided on an outer side of the neck section.